

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

PLAINTIFF PACITO; PLAINTIFF
ESTHER; PLAINTIFF JOSEPHINE;
PLAINTIFF SARA; PLAINTIFF
ALYAS; PLAINTIFF MARCOS;
PLAINTIFF AHMED; PLAINTIFF
RACHEL; PLAINTIFF ALI; HIAS,
INC.; CHURCH WORLD SERVICE,
INC., and LUTHERAN COMMUNITY
SERVICES NORTHWEST,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official
capacity as President of the United
States; MARCO RUBIO, in his official
capacity as Secretary of State; KRISTI
NOEM, in her official capacity as
Secretary of Homeland Security;
ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his
official capacity as Secretary of Health
and Human Services,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-255-JNW

ORDER

On February 25, 2025, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary
injunction in an oral ruling from the bench, enjoining the implementation of

1 Sections 3(a), (b), and (c), and Section 4 of Executive Order 14163. Dkt. No. 39; *see*
2 Dkt. No. 45 (Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Issuing Preliminary
3 Injunction). The next day, the Department of State (DOS) sent Termination Notices
4 to Organizational Plaintiffs HIAS, Inc., and Church World Services, Inc., purporting
5 to terminate their cooperative agreements with DOS effective immediately. *See* Dkt.
6 Nos. 44-1–44-6; 44-7 at ¶¶ 1, 2.

7 In response, Plaintiffs moved for an emergency status conference. *See* Dkt.
8 No. 43. They argue that the Termination Notices are “the latest iteration of
9 Defendants’ unlawful attempt to dismantle the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program
10 (“USRAP”) by circumventing... this Court’s oral ruling issued February 25, 2025.”
11 *Id.* at 1. Defendants claim the opposite: “the Department of State’s termination of
12 individual cooperative agreements with Plaintiffs HIAS, Inc. (“HIAS”) and Church
13 World Services, Inc. (“CWS”) does not violate this Court’s oral ruling.” Dkt. No. 49
14 at 2. They also “propose that Plaintiffs file an amended complaint relating to
15 termination of their contracts (together with any request for relief)[.]” *Id.*

16 The court has reviewed all documents submitted in support of, and in
17 response to, Plaintiffs’ motion, and heard argument from the parties on March 4,
18 2025. For the reasons expressed at the hearing, the Court agrees that updated
19 pleadings and a supplemental request for injunctive relief are the best course here.

20 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS as follows:


- 21 1. The Court GRANTS Plaintiffs’ motion for an emergency status conference,
22 Dkt. No. 43.

- 1 2. The Court GRANTS Plaintiffs leave to file an amended complaint and a
2 second motion for preliminary relief to address the Termination Notices.
3 The deadline for these new filings is March 5, 2025. Defendants' response
4 is due on March 7, 2025, and Plaintiffs reply is due no later than March
5 11. All briefs, not updated pleadings, are limited to eight pages.
- 6 3. The Court ORDERS Defendants to submit a status report by Monday,
7 March 10, 2025, detailing their efforts to resume USRAP consistent with
8 the Court's injunction. This report must describe, at minimum:
- 9 a. Measures that have been taken, or planned, to resume USRAP case
10 processing and adjudication overseas;
- 11 b. Measures that have been taken, or planned, to facilitate the travel
12 into the United States of individuals who have already been
13 conditionally approved for refugee status by the United States
14 Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), including
15 individual Plaintiffs;
- 16 c. Measures that have been taken, or planned, to ensure that arriving
17 refugees will receive resettlement support services upon arrival—in
18 particular, addressing the effect of the Termination Notices on the
19 Government's ability to meet its statutory obligations to provide
20 resettlement support services, *see* Dkt. No. 45 at 42;
- 21 d. Measures that have been taken, or planned, to reimburse
22 organizational Plaintiffs for expenses already incurred subject to
23 cooperative agreements.

1 4. By March 14, 2025, the Parties must submit a joint status report on the
2 steps taken to comply with the Court's preliminary injunction.

3 5. The Court's preliminary injunction remains in effect.
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6 Dated this 4th day of March, 2025.

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8 Jamal N. Whitehead
9 United States District Judge
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